Universal Service Fund

Dr. Thant Thaw Kaung
USF Working Group
Why USF?

- 4 Billions – unconnected
- 70% are from 20 countries – Rural
- Myanmar – 70% in rural
Current Status

- MoTC – strategy writeup
- World bank – a Pilot project
- A4AI – USF working group
Universal Policy Drafting

• Review of current policy of government
• Review of policy of other line ministries
  Eg. MoE, MoBorder, MoI
• Stakeholder consultation
• Draft consultative paper on universal access policy
• Publish universal access policy

Timeline : Q3 2016
Recommendations on Policy Framework and USF Establishment

- Policy reviews and preparation of case studies
- Stakeholder mapping
- Public consultation
- Publish recommendations

Timeline: Q3 2016
Recommendations on USF Governing Board and Administrative Body

• Identification of policy imperatives
• Recommendation of policy changes
• Capacity Building (workshops, trainings - with experts)
• Advocacy workshops
• Publish recommendation for proper governing mechanism for the Fund

Timeline: Q3-Q4 2016
Best Practices

• High level of transparency and accountability, evaluation, unbiased
• Separation from government- can’t be used as political agenda
• Needs to have SMART objectives
• Operators voices
• Strong and flexible framework and need to have independent fund structure
Thank you